

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed September 4, 2007, has been entered. Claims 27, 29, 35, 47, 53, and 55 have been amended as requested. Claims 1-26, 28, 41, 48, 54, and 56 have been cancelled, while new claims 57 and 58 have been added. Thus, the pending claims are 27, 29-40, 42-47, 49-53, 55, 57, and 58.
2. Applicant's traversal (Amendment, page 9, 5th paragraph – page 10, 1st paragraph) of the 112, 1st rejection set forth in section 5 of the last Office Action has been fully considered and is persuasive. Hence, said 112, 1st rejection is hereby withdrawn.
3. Additionally, the amendments to independent claims 27, 53, and 57 are sufficient to overcome the prior art rejections set forth in sections 6-8 of the last Office Action. Note the interview of August 27, 2007 with respect to copending Application No. 10/394,357. Specifically, the new phrase "wherein the formed mold insert retains the three-dimensional shape after the forming step and before positioning in the mold, and wherein a first orientation of the flock fibers before the introducing step is substantially the same as a second orientation of the flock fibers after the introducing step" is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Therefore, the prior art rejections are hereby withdrawn.

Terminal Disclaimer

4. The terminal disclaimer filed on September 4, 2007, disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of

copending Application No. 10/614,340 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded. As such, the double patenting rejection set forth in section 3 of the last Office Action (Non-Final Rejection mailed 06/01/07) is hereby withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. An updated search of the prior art has produced no new art of record for which to base a rejection upon.
6. Claims 27, 29-40, 42-47, 49-53, 55, 57, and 58 are allowed.
7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Juska whose telephone number is 571-272-1477. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached at 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications

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